

Message Text

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 01 STATE 083479
ORIGIN COME-00

INFO OCT-01 EUR-12 ISO-00 EB-08 CIAE-00 INR-07 NSAE-00
AID-05 /033 R

DRAFTED BY COM/BEWT/OEWCA/EEAD/JBURGESS/SS
APPROVED BY COM/WBARRACLOUGHEP/OT
COM/BEWT/EEAD/ALJENKENS (DRAFT)
COM/BEWT/OEWCA/JMGEORGE (DRAFT)
COM/BEWT/TDAD/RFSTECHSCHULTE(DRAFT
COM/BEWT/OEA/LBRADY (PHONE)
STATE/EUR/EE/ISILINS

-----140438Z 063549 /62

P 132347Z APR 77
FM SECSTATE WASHDC
TO AMEMBASSY BUCHAREST PRIORITY

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE STATE 083479

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: SWEL, EAID, RO

SUBJECT: EARTHQUAKE: ROMANIAN LISTS

REFS: (A) BUCH 1639 (B) BUCH 1733 (C) BUCH 1774
(D) STATE 060979 (E) BUCH 2013 (F) BUCH 2219
(G) BUCH 2148 (H) BUCH 2447 (I) STATE 080019

1. IN VIEW OF VOLUME OF MATERIAL CONTAINED IN LISTS
SUBMITTED PER REFS A, B, C, E, F, AND G AND CONFUSION
RESULTING THEREFROM, DOC-BEWT IS MAKING FOLLOWING STATUS
REPORT REGARDING SUBJECT LISTS.

2. PER REF A -- LIST OF INSTRUMENTATION AND EQUIPMENT
NEEDED BY MINISTRY OF ELECTRICAL ENERGY:
LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02 STATE 083479

AS THIS LIST WAS CONNECTED WITH VISIT OF SEISMOLOGISTS
AND STRUCTURAL ENGINEERS AND SINCE SPECIFIC U.S. FIRMS
WERE NOT IDENTIFIED BEWT HAS NOT DONE ANYTHING AT THIS
POINT WITH THIS LIST EXCEPT TO ASK OEA FOR A READING ON
POTENTIAL LICENSING PROBLEMS.

3. PER REF B AND PARAGRAPHS 2, 3, AND 4 OF REF C -- LISTS OF INDUSTRIAL EQUIPMENT AND MATERIALS AND MEASUREMENT AND CONTROL INSTRUMENTS FOR RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT:

AS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED IN REF D -- THESE 3 LISTS CAUSED INITIAL PROBLEMS BECAUSE ROMANIAN EMBASSY WAS LATE IN RECEIVING THEM AND TO OUR KNOWLEDGE RECEIVED VERY LITTLE OR NO INSTRUCTION REGARDING IMPLEMENTATION. BEWT APPROACH TO CALLING U.S. COMPANIES INDICATED ON THESE LISTS AND INITIAL REACTION OF FIRMS WAS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED IN PARAGRAPHS 4-7 REF D. UPON ASCERTAINING THAT FODOR, IN FACT, HAD RECEIVED THESE LISTS BEWT COMPLETED CALLING FIRMS INDICATED. THESE LISTS ARE ALSO BEING RUN THROUGH OEA FOR A LICENSE READING.

4. PER PARAGRAPH 5 OF REF C -- SEVERAL LISTS OF CONSTRUCTION AND TRANSPORTATION EQUIPMENT, CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS AND FOOD PRODUCTS:

SINCE SPECIFIC U.S. FIRMS NOT IDENTIFIED IN THESE LISTS AND SINCE WE DID NOT HAVE SUFFICIENT INFORMATION OURSELVES TO TREAT THESE AS TRADE OPPORTUNITIES, WE HAVE NOT PUBLICIZED THESE LISTS NOR MADE ANY RECRUITMENT EFFORT. A NUMBER OF FIRMS HAVE CALLED ASKING ABOUT EARTHQUAKE AND, WHERE APPROPRIATE, WE INFORMED THEM OF ROMANIAN INTEREST IN CERTAIN PRODUCT AREAS OF THEIR COMPETANCE (E.G., CLARK EQUIPMENT FOR AUTOCRANES, DUMP TRUCKS, LOADERS, ETC.) WE WOULD LIKE TO PUBLICIZE THIS INFORMATION IN "COMMERCE AMERICA" AND ANY OTHER APPROPRIATE PUBLICATION BUT ARE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 03 STATE 083479

RELUCTANT TO DO SO AT THIS TIME IN VIEW OF FAILURE OF GOR TO INSTRUCT FODOR REGARDING THESE LISTS (SEE PARAGRAPHS 7 AND 8 OF REF D) AND OUR OWN LACK OF INFO ABOUT THEM, PARTICULARLY REGARDING FINANCING AND WHETHER THESE REPRESENT REPLACEMENT PRODUCTS OR NEW GOODS. THIS LACK OF INFORMATION LEADS TO THE VERY SORT OF THING WHICH OCCURRED WITH WESTINGHOUSE PER REF H. THESE LISTS, WHERE APPROPRIATE, ARE BEING RUN THROUGH OEA.

5. PER REF E -- LIST OF PRIORITY ITEMS PER MARGARITESCU:

SINCE MOST OF THIS LIST WAS REPEATED FROM LIST IN PARAGRAPH 5 REF C, AND AGAIN SPECIFIC COMPANIES NOT INDICATED, WE HAVE TREATED THIS IN SOME WAY AS PARAGRAPH 4 ABOVE. SINGLE EXCEPTION WAS BALLAST PIT WHICH WAS FOLLOWED-UP WITH SPECIFIC U.S. FIRMS AND WAS REPORTED

REF I. ALSO, LIST BEING RUN THROUGH OEA.

6. PER REFS F AND G -- LISTS OF REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT AND PARTS FOR MINISTRY OF MACHINE BUILDING AND MINISTRY OF CHEMICAL INDUSTRY:

IMPLEMENTATION OF THESE TWO LISTS DELAYED UNTIL APPROXIMATELY MARCH 30 WHEN BEWT GOT LISTS TO FODOR, WHO AGAIN HAD RECEIVED NOTHING FROM BUCHAREST. BEWT BEGAN CONTACTING DESIGNATED FIRMS ON APRIL 4 USING MUCH OF THE SAME APPROACH FOLLOWED IN PARAGRAPH 4 REF D. IN ADDITION PER PARA 1, REF F, BEWT INDICATED TO COMPANIES THAT GOR LOOKING FOR DONATIONS OF EQUIPMENT AND GOODS WHERE POSSIBLE, ALTHOUGH BEWT VERY CAREFUL NOT TO IMPLY USG ENDORSEMENT OF DONATION REQUESTS. REGARDING PARTS OF CHEMICAL INDUSTRY LIST (I.E. WHERE U.S. FIRMS NOT INDICATED) SEVERAL FIRMS WHICH CALLED BEWT WERE TOLD ABOUT GOR INTERESTS. READING FROM COMPANIES CONTACTED IS AS FOLLOWS: WHILE NOT ALL CONTACTS COMPLETED AS RESULT OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 04 STATE 083479

ABSENCES FROM OFFICE BECAUSE OF VARIOUS HOLIDAYS, FIRMS THAT WERE REACHED WERE CAUTIOUSLY POSITIVE ABOUT PURSUING MATTER WITH ROMANIAN COMMERCIAL OFFICE, ALTHOUGH NOT NECESSARILY WITH VIEW TOWARD MAKING DONATION OF LISTED ITEMS. IN ONE INSTANCE (2400 FEET OF MAGNETIC TAPE FROM IBM) COMPANY MORE THAN WILLING TO DONATE WHAT AMOUNTS TO ONE REEL OF TAPE AND PLANS TO DO SO. ALSO, THESE LISTS BEING RUN THROUGH OEA.

7. AS REPORTED IN REF D LISTS IN PARAGRAPHS 3 AND 4 ABOVE WERE PASSED TO BOTH ROSENTHAL AND HASFURTHER OF ECONOMIC COUNCIL. LATER LISTS IN PARAGRAPH 6 ABOVE ALSO PASSED TO THEM. IN ADDITION, SELECTED INFO FROM LISTS IN PARAGRAPHS 3 AND 6 ABOVE PASSED TO JACK CONNOR AND OTHER OFFICIALS OF NATIONAL MACHINE TOOL BUILDERS ASSOCIATION.

8. BEWT WISHES TO MAKE SEVERAL OBSERVATIONS REGARDING SUBJECT LISTS:

A. WHILE WE ARE SYMPATHETIC TO DIFFICULTIES WHICH GOR OFFICIALS HAVE BEEN FACING DURING PAST FIVE WEEKS, WE REGRET VERY MUCH LACK OF GOR FOLLOW-UP THROUGH ROMANIAN EMBASSY AND NEW YORK TRADE OFFICE. AS PREVIOUSLY NOTED IN REF D AND INDICATED BY YOU IN REF H, LACK OF COORDINATION REGARDING SUBJECT LISTS IS VERY EVIDENT. WE ARE ESPECIALLY DISAPPOINTED SINCE U.S. COMPANIES' INITIAL INTEREST IN GETTING INVOLVED IN ROMANIAN RECONSTRUCTION

EFFORTS WAS MUCH STRONGER THAN WE HAD EXPECTED AND A SINCERE, COORDINATED AND HONEST APPROACH

BY ROMANIANS MIGHT HAVE PRODUCED SIGNIFICANT U.S.
INDUSTRY ASSISTANCE FOR ROMANIA. AS IT IS, LISTS
AND GOR APPROACH IMPLY UNCOORDINATED ROMANIAN EFFORT
WHICH AT TIMES (SUCH AS WITH WESTINGHOUSE) APPEAR CLEARLY
MISLEADING.

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 05 STATE 083479

B. PER PARA 8 REF D -- WE ASK EMBASSY TO STRESS STRONGLY
TO GOR OFFICIALS NEED TO INSTRUCT ROMANIAN EMBASSY,
ESPECIALLY FODOR A.S.A.P. ON GOR INTENTIONS REGARDING
LISTS, PRODUCT SPECIFICATIONS, WHAT ITEMS ARE REPLACE-
MENT, WHAT ITEMS ARE NEW, IF NOT DONATED BY FIRM WHAT
CREDIT ARRANGEMENTS GOR SEEKS, ETC. AT OUR END WE WILL
CONTINUE TO PRESS ROMANIANS HERE ON NEED TO DEVELOP
SPECIFICS REGARDING THESE PRODUCTS AND EQUIPMENT.

C. WE SHARE YOUR VIEW THAT COMPANIES SHOULD HAVE MORE
DETAILS ON GOR'S EXACT NEEDS BEFORE SENDING THEIR REPS
TO BUCHAREST. IN LIGHT OF GOR PERFORMANCE OUTLINED
ABOVE AND OUR CONTINUING BUT UNPRODUCTIVE EFFORTS
URGING FODOR TO SEEK INSTRUCTIONS, WE ARE DOUBTFUL THAT
U.S. FIRMS WILL RECEIVE THE DETAILS THEY NEED THROUGH
ROMANIAN SOURCES HERE.

ALTERNATIVE IS FOR U.S. FIRMS TO SEEK DETAILS THROUGH
EMBASSY (EITHER DIRECTLY OR USING BEWT/TDAD CHANNEL).
WE INFER FROM PARA 4 REF H THAT EMBASSY IS WILLING TO
PERFORM THIS FUNCTION BUT WISH TO CONFIRM THIS BEFORE
TAKING THAT APPROACH WITH U.S. FIRMS. IN VIEW OF LENGTH
OF LISTS AND INTEREST SHOWN BY MANY U.S. COMPANIES THIS
COULD BECOME A MAJOR AND TIME CONSUMING PROJECT.

9. IN SUM, WHOLE SUBJECT OF LISTS CONTINUES TO BE
CONFUSING AND UNCOORDINATED. AFTER COMPLETING CALLS ON
LATEST LISTS (REFS F AND G) WE ARE NOT INCLINED AT THIS
POINT TO UNDERTAKE FURTHER CALLING SHOULD ADDITIONAL
LISTS MATERIALIZE UNLESS ROMANIAN APPROACH REMEDIED.
WE WILL CONTINUE TO DISCUSS THE SUBJECT WITH GOR OFFICIALS
HERE, BUT IN ORDER TO COORDINATE OUR APPROACH WITH THAT
OF EMBASSY, WOULD VERY MUCH APPRECIATE EMBASSY VIEWS,
PARTICULARLY ON PARA 8.C. ABOVE.

VANCE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 06 STATE 083479

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01-Jan-1994 12:00:00 am
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: DISASTER RELIEF, FOREIGN ASSISTANCE, NATURAL DISASTERS, EARTHQUAKES
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Sent Date: 13-Apr-1977 12:00:00 am
Decaption Date: 01-Jan-1960 12:00:00 am
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 22 May 2009
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1977STATE083479
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: BEWT/OEWCA/EEAD/JBURGESS/SS
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: D770129-0094
Format: TEL
From: STATE
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1977/newtext/t19770460/aaaabzyw.tel
Line Count: 223
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: cd47b2a5-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ORIGIN COME
Original Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 5
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: 77 BUCHAREST 1639, 77 BUCHAREST 1733, 77 BUCHAREST 1774, 77 STATE 60979, 77 BUCHAREST 2013, 77 BUCHAREST 2219
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 09-Mar-2005 12:00:00 am
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 2816603
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: EARTHQUAKE: ROMANIAN LISTS
TAGS: SWEL, EAID, RO
To: BUCHAREST
Type: TE
vdkgvwkey: odb://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/cd47b2a5-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
22 May 2009
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 22 May 2009